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LB 285

SPEAKER BROMM: The committee amendments are adopted. Anything further on the bill, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Landis, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 285 to E & R Initial.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you. I'd like to ask for a call of the house at this point so that we can all assemble, and I'll use that then as an opportunity to close.

SPEAKER BROMM: The request is for a call of the house. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SPEAKER BROMM: The house is under call. Members please check in, and unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. And, Senator Landis, you can commence your closing.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, we have a \$355 million shortfall at this time in our appropriations process. This bill solves \$235 million of that problem. It draws upon existing tax responsibilities, things that the public have come to know, I'm sure that they feel the yoke of and are not all that comfortable, but at the same time I have to say that LB 1085 has come and gone without the huge outcry that many of us expected. In fact, we found that people shoulder that responsibility. There was certainly some grumbling and displeasure, but they have shouldered that responsibility. We ask them to continue to do that during these hard times so that we don't have to cut programs for the needy, for our children, for the future. And this is a request we make of our public and I think it's something that they are willing to do. I also think that it's in a form that one could take to the Governor and make a good case for a Governor's signature, reducing our...the trauma of trying to override a veto at this current moment. I would wait until we are fully assembled. I'd